

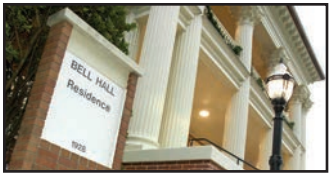


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Fraternity on probation for bad rushing

BY ANA MARIA LUGO
SENIOR REPORTER

The Pi Kappa Phi fraternity is under probation after the Interfraternity Council (IFC) filed charges for underground rushing to the Greek Presidential Council.

"Pi Kappa Phi, without the university's knowledge, took what we call an 'underground' pledge class," Campus Life Director Tom Miles said. "They are therefore in violation of the deferred rush policy."

During the Fall of 2006, the university adopted a delayed rush policy for all of the organization within the IFC, which includes Pi Kappa Phi, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma. This policy prohibited the IFC from taking in a pledge class until Spring of 2007. This was implemented to keep first semester freshmen males from joining a fraternity until

they had an established GPA of 2.3 or higher and at least 12 credit hours. This was also executed as a precaution since the average GPA of IFC last semester was lower than that of the average male GCSU student.

Pi Kappa Phi is on probation as an organization and will not be able to recruit any new members for one calendar year. They are also banned from participating and hosting socials until May 2007 with the exception of the Rose Ball. They will also not be participating in Greek Week, Homecoming or intramural games.

"We are denying the organization the privilege of participating in the intramural games," Miles said. "We are not denying the individuals, however, the right to participate as long as there are no more than three members of Pi Kappa Phi in any given team."

"I believe the judicial

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Home sweet home



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior Marquita Driskell (32) makes a shot during the game against Georgia Southwestern University on January 17. The Lady Bobcats are undefeated at home for this season. They have a 7-0 record for home games this season, and their next game is Saturday, Jan. 27 in the Centennial Center.

Please see the full story on Pg. 12

Students move between dorms, apartments

BY S. ASHLEE
MOONEYHAM
STAFF WRITER

Outside the veranda of MSU hangs a banner indicating the ease of moving into Bobcat Village, the GCSU on-campus apartments. The ad invites passersby to move at a rather non-traditional time of the year.

Bobcat Village is certainly not the only option for students shifting living situations, and is also not the only place boasting its amenities. Students are moving around Milledgeville, and the rea-

sons for doing so are plentiful.

Since there are many options, the actual task is a potentially large one. However, students are still moving now instead of the traditional end of school year, saving the frustration for what would seem to be a more conventional time.

A common response seems to be the lure of appealing amenities.

Leigh Anne Beaudreau, a senior outdoor education major, said that her new private residence hall room is "just a walk away [from main campus] to a place that is a comfortable home

where I can study and where I can relax or be alone."

Beaudreau preferred being close to campus and not having to worry about finding a parking space everyday. She previously lived in an apartment off campus and commuted to school. Convenience plays a major role in choosing among many living choices.

Large-scale apartment complexes such as The Grove, Magnolia Park, and Bobcat Village boast many amenities that reflect convenience and comfort at

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Workshop deals with plagiarism in classrooms

BY KATIE HUSTON
SENIOR REPORTER

Turnitin.com is working with professors around the world to bring plagiarism to an end.

The site has been up and running for over a decade. Before Turnitin caught on, professors used search engines for their plagiarism queries. Turnitin is a more effective way for professors to check up on work they believe a student has plagiarized.

After creating an account with Turnitin, a professor may search current and archive copies of over 6 billion published internet sites. Since 1996,

millions of student papers have been submitted. All of which meet a student privacy policy and comply with copyright laws.

Plagiarism is something most students are aware of.

"They talked about it when we first came in as freshman," sophomore Will Smith said. "I don't plagiarize. As for students in general, I don't know."

GCSU takes this academic dishonesty seriously. The repercussions range from an F in the course to being removed from the institution.

"Any upstanding university in the state is going to do something

PLAGIARISM Page 3

Changes to minimum wage benefit students

BY JAMIE FLEMING
SENIOR REPORTER

After almost 10 years since the last raise, the House approved the increase of minimum

wage from the current \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour, according to the washingtonpost.com

Annette Johnson, senior secretary of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs is

pleased that it has finally happened.

"It should have happened a long time ago," Johnson said. "It's been almost a decade!"

The problem with the current minimum wage rate is it has "failed to keep pace with inflation and the rising cost of living" according to epinet.org. Some benefits they gave to raising it include: a pay raise for those who need it most (women and minorities); a 'ripple effect' that would cause other business to up the pay of their employees; and a strengthened consumer purchasing power.

Then there are those who say that an increase isn't needed or will do

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Sophomore Matt Bloodworth and senior Trey Sherrell work in the kitchen at The Brick

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more harm than good. James Sherk from heritage.org said that extensive research has revealed that a higher minimum wage causes employers to decrease the number of workers hired and their employees' working hours; the beneficiaries of higher minimum wages are not likely to be poor because most minimum-wage earners are not poor; and few individuals living in poverty work a minimum-wage job or any job.

Karla White, a sophomore chemistry major, said she was a little disappointed after hearing the news because she is currently unemployed, but is looking.

"I'm kind of sad because it's going to be hard trying to get a job now," White said.

Sophomore nursing

major Nevada King said she would be glad with the increase since she earns \$5.15 working at Milledgeville's Video Warehouse. She does, however, believe that the happiness may be short-lived.

"I think it would be helpful, but it would lessen the value of the dollar," King said. "People will be happy at first, but other prices will rise. It will (have a) benefit in the short run, but in the long run it won't do anything (differently)."

Bola Okeleji, a sophomore who works for the GCSU phone-a-thon and makes more than minimum wage said the rise is a positive thing.

"It's a good thing because many families are supported by minimum wage and \$5.15 an hour is a ridiculous amount to try and live off of," Okeleji said. "It's a positive step in the right direction."

Odinaka Ezeokoli, a senior chemistry major agrees that the current minimum

wage is not enough to live on.

"(In a way) it is good because you can't ask someone to live off of (\$5.15)," Ezeokoli said. "It's unrealistic to ask someone to live like that."

Ezeokoli still has mixed feelings about the pay increase.

"I think it's good," Ezeokoli said. "But I am scared that it will have a

negative effect eventually."

Under the democratic measure, the minimum wage would jump to \$5.85 within 60 days of enactment; one year later, the wage would rise to \$6.55 and would reach \$7.25 a year after that. Democrats estimate that a minimum wage increase will lift the income of 13 million workers.



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Some workers at The Brick make less than minimum wage.

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Fraternity

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board did a good job essentially in issuing a fair judgement," Miles said.

Failure to adhere from these sanctions can also result in further probation and/or suspension, Miles added.

Loman Martin, Pi Kappa Phi's president, admits to his fraternity's unwise and costly decision to violate the policy.

"We were in direct viola-

tion of the Greek System, because we were not allowed to recruit freshman until each of them have 12 or more completed hours here at GCSU. We did break the rules, got caught and are serving our sanctions out to the fullest," Loman said.

Pi Kappa Phi hopes that this would only help the brotherhood come closer as they get through the sanctions.

"We are not suspended from campus involvement. We are allowed to continue our community service involvement and hold events on campus for our nationally recognized philanthropy Push America," Loman said. "Now more than ever, we are working to show how beneficial a Greek organization can be here at GCSU."



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New housing plans hope to draw return residents

BY BECCA BROOKS
STAFF WRITER

GCSU is presently undergoing the process of executing a new housing plan to expand the choices of campus housing. This new direction includes Central Campus and West Campus and will save money and increase the quality of living for all students.

Within the Central Campus, Napier and Adams Halls will be designated as “Upperclassmen Halls” which exclude freshman. For these residents, no meal plan is required, and a variety of discounted meal plans will be available. There will be 500 spaces allotted for the returning students of Central Campus.

However, the future of Sanford Hall will be determined by the need of freshman housing or upperclassman housing.

Joye Server, a freshman early childhood education major is considering her housing options.

“I would [consider living in University Housing]. I think they are doing a good job to make it more appealing by making it more student-friendly,” Server said.

The positive attributes of Central Campus continue to be engaging for various reasons.

“[Central Campus] is campus affiliated, creates more time for other activities, since you are not cooking, and is closer to main campus classes,” Server said.

Several changes are similarly being made to Bobcat Village.

“The Resident Halls are nice,” said Server, “But I’m looking forward [to apartment-style housing] and cooking for myself.”

Some freshman will have the option to live on West Campus. The Bobcat Village 500 and 600 buildings will be housing 300 freshmen next semester.

However, not everyone

is thrilled with the arriving freshman in Bobcat Village. Sophomore Psychology major, Dustin Binns, was not pleased.

“[The newer buildings in] Bobcat Village should be opted for the upperclassmen and the freshman should get the older rooms,” Binns.

saidThe rent in West Campus will still included the utilities rather than capping them off as other complexes commonly do. Another bonus is the rent for the first month is free for the first 500 students who sign contracts in Bobcat Village.

“It is a good way to attract people to living off [Central] Campus,” Binns said.

Perhaps the biggest change to Bobcat Village is the new 10,000-square foot building that will serve as a community center and essential piece to enhancing West Campus life. New dining services, lounge and program space, and classroom facilities will supplement the link to campus life for all students.

The overall appearance of Bobcat Village will also receive improvements.

Better lighting, outdoor furnishings, signage, banners, and flags will all “be designated to better incorporate the Georgia College ‘look and feel’,” saidDr. Bruce Harshbarger, the vice president and dean of students in a statement

Binns points out Bobcat Village has its advantages, but thinks there are still areas that could use improvement.

“I like Bobcat Village; there is a shuttle every 15 minutes and I have my own room. So as long as you get a good apartment, it’s all good,” said Binns. “However, I would really like speedier work orders to create a better living environment.”

The new housing plan will cater more to upperclassmen, enabling them to revise the policies and practices to their individual preferences. Also, special transfer and graduate students will have housing specified in Bobcat Village.

The new direction of housing all over campus will significantly enhance the university housing experience for all students, new or old, next Fall.



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
New housing plans and meal plans will be put into effect next semester in order to encourage upperclassmen to continue to live in University Housing.

Move

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reasonable prices. These complexes seem to be an obvious choice for student living. Most of these complexes are more than 50 percent full, or are at full residency and have a waiting list.

There are alternatives to living in an apartment complex, such as renting a house or a duplex. These seem to be other common choices for GCSU students.

All of these accommodations have experienced some shifting of residents at this non-traditional time of year. They now allow new residents to move in at anytime space is available, but generally do not allow residents to move out based on agreements made in the lease agreement between the residents and the complex, except in the event of extreme or unusual circumstances such as withdrawing from school or graduating.

Matt Beckett, a manager at The Grove said, “we

don’t have to, we choose to,” in regards to the possibility of residents moving out before their lease expires.

Beckett mentioned that only a few move-ins and move-outs have occurred at The Grove, and these were mostly due to circumstances such as withdrawal from school, graduating or students transferring.

According to Melissa Olsen, the property manager of the Magnolia Park apartment complex, one

new resident reportedly moved in because of a direct correlation to the new controversial ordinance recently decided upon by the City of Milledgeville which affects various non-related residents living in single-family dwellings within the city limits.

“We try to accommodate,” Olsen said. “New residents can count on a clean, upscale living environment.”

Moving?

Consider these Tips:

Sign up for storage

Get plenty of supplies (boxes, tape, packing material)

Arrange for a pick-up truck or trailer to use.

Arrange for utilities such as power, water/sewage and gas.

Be sure to stop by the post office and fill out a mail forwarding form.

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Plagiarism

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about (plagiarism),”senior Gabe Stewart said.

Stewart thinks the punishment is fair and teachers are wise to use Turnitin.

“Anyone that doesn’t write their own work should be kicked out. If not, and there is a second offense, they should be gone regardless,” Stewart said.

Dr. Dan Bauer, assistant professor of English, said that at GCSU, graduate student teachers tend to run into the most cases of plagiarism. Bauer usually catches at least one a semester.

“We know we aren’t catching them all,” Bauer said. “I’m never surprised. I’m saddened.”

Plagiarism easily goes by unnoticed at times. A professor must seek out the apparent plagiary, appeal it and try to prove it.

“It’s a huge waste of a lot of our time when we find it,” Bauer said. “It’s the vehemence and sometimes the ignorance I find in students in their attempt to defend themselves.”

Bauer also said that it is the parents who get out of control when their child is the accused.

“It can turn into your typical case of parents

lashing out against professors,” Bauer said.

Stewart is aware of the repercussions of plagiarism and has never used anyone else’s work.

“I take too much pride in my own work than to use someone else’s,” Stewart said.

Reasons for not trying to pass other’s work as their own vary amongst students.

be thrown out for (any plagiarism).”

He said that his job is to educate and not to punish. Being kicked out of the institution can be harsh.

“It is not a punishment I would necessarily always advocate,” Bauer said. “For a couple of students, I don’t think it’s hard enough,” he said.

Not to place all the blame on the students,

“**Instructors who end up with plagiarism often have invited it. They’ve made assignments so broad, students can go to a website and download a paper. If you’re making good assignments, the plagiarized paper is impossible**”

— **Dr. Dan Bauer,**
Assistant Professor of English

Smith said, “It’s too much work to plagiarize,” Smith said. “That would involve me having to write a paper. It’s pretty obvious when you do it. I’d prefer my own words over anyone’s.”

Bauer described two types of plagiarism: inadvertent and willful. He said that it is the willful plagiarism cases that matter most.

“We really distinguish between the two,” Bauer said. “Some (professors) believe any student should

Bauer said that faculty may sometimes be at fault when they run across plagiarized work.

“Instructors who end up with plagiarism often have invited it. They’ve made assignments so broad, students can go to a website and download a paper,” Bauer said. “If you’re making good assignments, the plagiarized paper is impossible.”

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Volunteer 10 hours and donate 10 dollars in 10 weeks! All one needs to do is donate \$10 to a charity of his or her choice and do 10 hours of volunteer work in 10 weeks! The volunteer work does not have to be done in Milledgeville, but all volunteer work does need to be verified.

This event is open to all GCSU students, faculty, and staff.

The kickoff for the event will be on Feb. 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Arts and Sciences fountain. Members can pickup their applications and log sheets at the kickoff. Of course, there will be food, music, and fun.

The New 10-10-10 Deal

will continue through April 17.

There will be a drawing at the end of the 10 weeks for a prize of \$100 that will be split in half between the winner and a charity of the winner's choice! The winner is allowed to give any

amount of the personal \$50 winnings to the charity in addition to the donation of \$50.

For additional information, please stop by The GIVE Center located in Ennis Hall.



GCSU performs in College Theater Festival

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WASHINGTON,
D.C.—

University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham Southern College, University of Central Florida, Florida State University, GCSU, Milligan College, Mississippi University for Women, and Shorter College will present productions at the Region Four competition of the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) Feb. 6 - 11, hosted by Southwestern Georgia State University in Americus.

The showcased productions will be considered for an all-expenses paid trip to the national festival April 16-22, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to perform their work. A national selection team formed by the festival's national committee will select a total of four to six of the strongest and most diverse college productions from across the country to be showcased at

the Kennedy Center.

In addition to the chance to perform with top-notch peers in Washington, D.C., the students will also be candidates for a host of scholarships and awards. While the KCACTF honors excellence in overall production, students are also recognized for excellence in specific categories including costume and make-up design, scenic design, lighting and sound, acting, directing, dramatic criticism, playwrighting, musical theater composition and dramaturgy. Awards will be announced at the Kennedy Center during the national festival April 16-22.

Some history and background on the KCACTF

Developed in 1969 by Roger L. Stevens, the Kennedy Center's founding chairman, the KCACTF is dedicated to both improving and recognizing the quality of works, especially those that are either new or written by students, produced by American colleges and universities.

Through the regional competitions and national festival, the KCACTF celebrates the strength of both the theater programs and the students of colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Along with the national festival, the eight regional festivals provide an opportunity for colleges and universities to present their finest works to diverse audiences and to receive feedback from the national panel. While at the festivals, students and faculty are also able to attend workshops, master classes, seminars, panel discussions and social gatherings so that they may further develop their skills and gain insight into the theater world.

Since its establishment 38 years ago, KCACTF has reached more than 16 million theatergoers and 400,000 college and university theater students nationwide.



THE SGA NEWSFEED

A new semester has begun, and Student Government Association is ready to rock and roll. After a very successful fall semester, SGA is really excited about the upcoming goals they have listed for the Spring.

One of the main goals SGA has set their sights on is getting more feedback from the students of GCSU. SGA is here to represent the students of the university, and we want to hear what students really think. What is really bothering you? What problems do you see on campus? And more importantly, how do *you* think these problems should be fixed? SGA plans on hav-

ing forums to listen to students throughout the semester. The forums will be spread out across campus — even including the residence halls. Keep an ear out for these forums so you can tell us what ideas you have.

Another goal of SGA this semester is looking into the advisement process here on campus. Do you dislike how you are being advised? Academic Affairs is looking closer into this process and wants your input. Be on the lookout for a survey that will tell us exactly what you think.

Homecoming and Mr. and Ms. GCSU elections are right around the bend.

Elections will be Thursday and Friday, Feb. 8 and 9, right outside the fountain at Arts and Sciences. Homecoming and Alumni Weekend is that Friday and Saturday, and the results for Mr. and Ms. GCSU, a parade, and much more will be at the home basketball game that Saturday, Feb. 10 in the Centennial Center. Show your support to GCSU and come and have a great time! Please contact SGA at student.government@gcsu.edu for any questions or concerns.

*Submitted by SGA
Senator Ryan Greene*

PAWS abandons SSNs

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Dear GCSU Community,

With a strong commitment to protecting personal information within our campus community, Georgia College will convert from using the Social Security Number in our student information system (Banner and PAWS) to a unique, randomly generated identification number. This change is being made in order to minimize the risk of identity theft, protect the privacy of our students, faculty and staff, and to comply with state

and federal regulations.

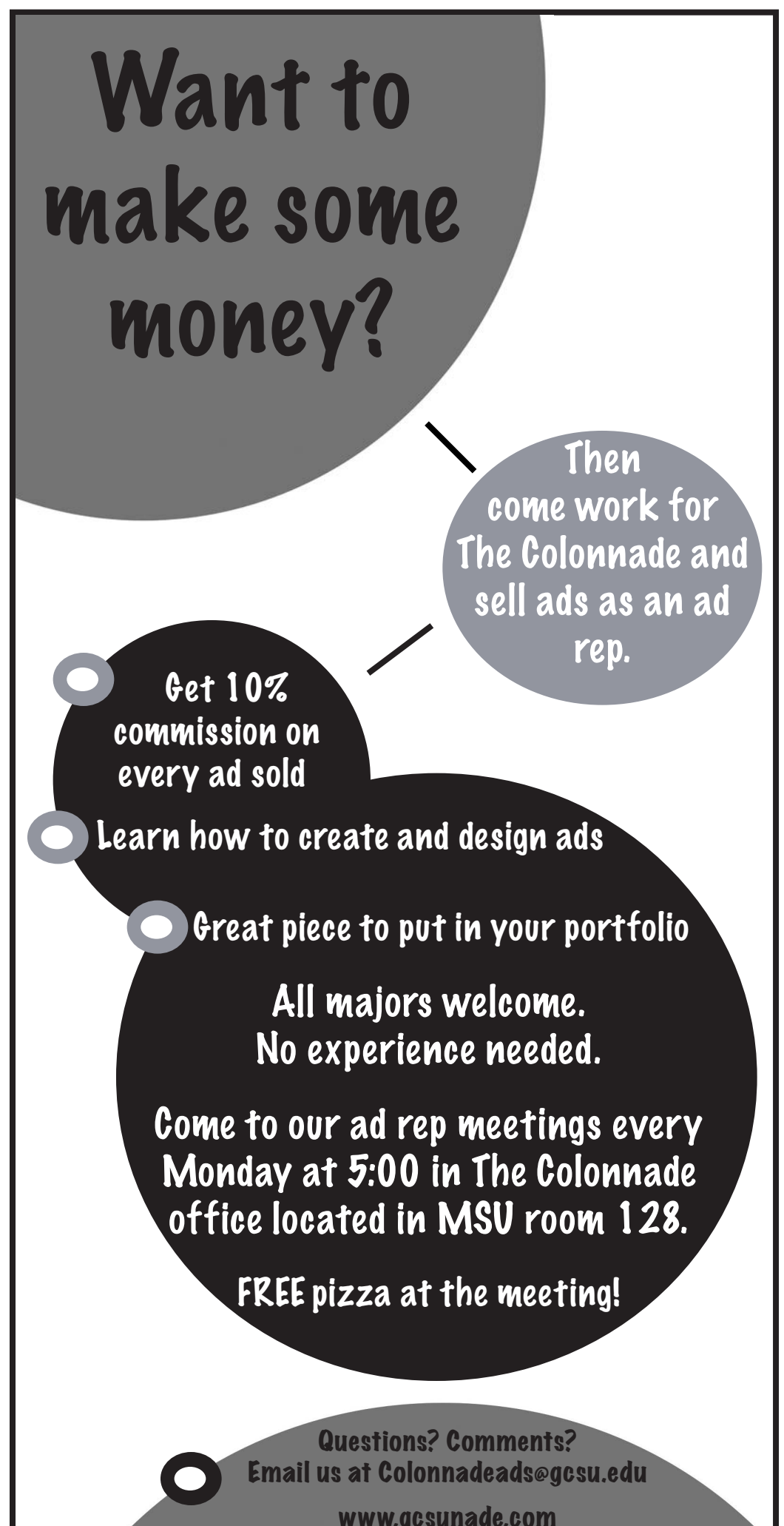
As of Jan. 22, all students, faculty, and staff will be assigned a new ID number for use in our student information system. This will be the case even if a non social security number was previously used.

During the transition period, the SSN can still be used to look up students in PAWS, however, we encourage everyone to begin using the Georgia College Identification Number (GCID) as soon as possible. After the transition period, the SSN will not be available.

In order to obtain the new GCID, students, fac-

ulty and staff should login to the MyCats site at mycats.gcsu.edu or PAWS at <http://paws.gcsu.edu> beginning January 22. It is extremely important to retrieve this new GCID as early as possible because it will be used for registration as well as various service offices on campus.

More information on the SSN to GCID Conversion may be found at info.gcsu.edu/intranet/oii/studentid or by contacting the Registrar's Office at 478-445 6286 or by emailing registrar@gcsu.edu



DOMINY'S DOODLES

BY KYLE DOMINY



KING KONG ANNOUNCES HIS BID

The race for 2008 begins as Clinton, Obama announce intentions to run



BY WILL THOMPSON
COLUMNIST

This week in politics has been quite the interesting one considering the two new entries into the race for the 2008 presidency. In case you haven't heard, this week Barack Obama (D-Illinois) and Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-New York) threw their hats into the ring for the position of leader of the free world. Both candidates' announcements for forming a Presidential Exploratory Committee were met with joy from Americans all over the country.

It comes with no surprise that the joy coming

forth from these citizens stems from the physical qualities that these two individuals hold. Besides both being very talented individuals, they both are members of large representative bodies within our country that have not, until recently, been able to take positions of power within our government. Just this last election America witnessed it's first female speaker of the House, Nanci Pelosi (D-CA) take the stand at the front of the House of Representatives. And now, if things go the way Senator Clinton hopes, America may have the first female president.

But, there is that small problem in Clinton's way in the shape of a well-liked African American senator. Barack Obama seems to be coming in a quick second among democratic voters. After being asked to run on national television by Oprah Winfrey, Obama's popularity has skyrocketed in America. People are rallying to his cry of hope for the impoverished and

renewal of morally sound politics that he promises. Also, many in America believe it is time to see a African American become our president. I, for one, am one of those individuals.

On the same note, however, many are also ready to see a woman take the position. Women have, historically, been cheated out of powerful positions in our government even if they have been qualified to take the position. In America, it would seem, the average citizen has come to realize the importance and ability of our female citizens. I personally would welcome seeing a woman come into the position.

Unfortunately, I would rather it not be Senator Clinton. I know she has the ability and the talent for the job, but I personally do not believe I could vote for her. To be honest, her opening statement to her announcement for the 2008 seat that began with, "I'm in. And I'm in to

win.", strikes me with a aire of lust for power. In truth, In my mind, If there was ever to be a situation mirroring Apocalyptic scripture, it would begin with Hillary Clinton as President and swarms of locusts. Obama, on the other hand, is in similar predicament. He has only been a senator for half a term, and doesn't even hold a consistent enough voting record to rely on. Also, one has to wonder if he can keep his PR machine rolling until 2008, or even win his party's nomination.

Being a moderate voter who is leaning more towards the democratic side right now, I must say, I'm sadly disappointed. I might be wrong, and one or both will end up proving themselves. But, as for now, unless Colin Powell throws his hat in the ring, I'll most likely vote libertarian.

Send responses to
colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu

An opportunity to change a life at early college

BY STEPHEN TURNER
COLUMNIST

This fall, 54 seventh graders started classes at Georgia College. These students have been chosen from Baldwin and Putnam County Schools to attend the GCSU Early College program.

Like every student in the seventh grade, these students take classes in math, science, social studies, English, and various exploratories but on the Georgia College campus. Perhaps you have seen them around. Maybe you have been with them in the library, at Chik-Fil-A or on Front Campus. And whether you realize it or not, you as a student are setting an example for these young scholars.

These students are not little Doogie Howsers, but they are very bright kids, deserving of the finest education available.

Unfortunately, the public schools in the area have overlooked their gifts and talents, and the private schools are no better. In many cases, the schools have suppressed their intelligence and their desire to learn due to the circumstances under which these schools are run. These children are students that may never have had an opportunity to experience college without this program. They have set out on a journey through Early College to break into the collegiate experience.

Did you know that you were a role model? Did

you know that their eyes and curiosities were aimed at you? I will bet that you are sitting there reading this article and saying to yourself "I didn't even know they were here".

They are indeed. These young students are looking to Georgia College students to be their mentors and role models. It is your obligation as college students to show them how responsible adults learn and think and act. Take the time to get to know them; they will delight you.

If you want evidence of their being here on campus, go to Mayfair Hall and check out their photography exhibit. The pictures that you see will be proof that these students deserve to be here. And I will further add that sever-

al of the photographs are very reminiscent of Gordon Parks' works in Life Magazine.

All of these kids are very special to Georgia College, and Georgia College is privileged to have them as students. I believe that their presence is under appreciated, and I am showing my gratitude and thanks to the students, teachers, and faculty at Early College for all of their hard work and dedication. I know for a fact that these kids work harder, and in many cases are smarter than many of the freshmen this year. Early College, keep up the good work!

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Our Voice

An open door policy

We wrote an article this week about the different offices on campus, about their eccentricities and oddities. We got interviews at three fascinating offices. These offices were great for the purposes, and we're grateful to the Peacock's Feet, Dr. Rob Viau and Dr. Brian Mumma for allowing our reporter in to see the sights.

But the article could have been so much more. Our reporter went to many offices that she was told were interesting, but ran into a problem every single time.

The professors were not in their offices. Even though our reporter would go during their posted office hours, nobody would be there. Sometimes, the doors would simply be closed, cold and uninviting.

Plans change, we understand, and office hours are sometimes cancelled. But no notes were left on doors explaining this, our reporter found out, and nobody usually seemed to know where the professors in question were.

Her calls usually went unanswered, which isn't overly surprising. What was surprising, however, was that these calls went mostly unreturned.

Our reporter did find out (after the article was submitted, unfortunately) where these professors had been, and most of their reasons for their absences were good and valid ones. Still, some method of letting visitors know that the professor would be AWOL for a short amount of time would have been painless to the professor, and extremely useful to students, visitors and stray reporters.

This set us to thinking. Professors have office hours in order to assist students with whatever needs they have. And what good does it do anyone if the professor in question isn't in his or her office? Or, more importantly, if no reason is left for the office being unoccupied.

These same professors expect us to be in class regularly, and expect us to arrive in a timely fashion. Each professor has their own policy for how tardiness and absence will be dealt with, and can penalize students as they see fit.

So, isn't it fair for students to expect professors to be in their offices with their doors open during their appointed office hour times?

As students, we often have to work our other commitments and social lives around classes; shouldn't professors have to do the same for us when it comes to their office hours?

Unfortunately, students cannot penalize their professors for not being present. We can simply hope that the professor at hand is reliable, and committed to his or her pupils.

So please, professors, keep the doors open. You never know when students, or the occasional reporter, will come to call.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Now is the time for growing up

Dear Editor,

I wanted to comment on the article “Actions speak louder than age” by Tyler Smith in the January 19, 2007, edition of The Colonnade.

Not only do students neglect to form meaningful relationships with their peers, but also I feel many students fail to develop relationships with their professors and the GC community.

I recently attended a basketball game at my boyfriend’s Southern Conference institution that has fewer students than GC to find a packed gym with a wildly supportive crowd. I wanted to be a part of the campus life at his school because the energy was contagious.

When was the last time our gym was packed with students cheering for the Bobcats?

The argument that stu-

dents need to be aware of their peer relationships is extremely valid, but I am tired of hearing people explain their poor behavior on being a “freshman.”

Is it really so hard being on your own?

I would disagree strongly with Tyler’s comment “Most people are not dumb enough to unashamedly disobey teachers and ruin recommendation letter opportunities.”

Most students might not be blatantly disrespectful, but in my three semesters at this school, it is amazing how many students consistently fail to prepare for class. In addition to my experiences, I have also heard accounts from my faculty advisor who has commented on the lack of reading from his students in his classes. Students might still get a decent recommendation letter because they gave their professor a list of accomplishments,

but the letter is not going to be as good as it could have been if they put a little more effort into their studies. Whereas students could be better at expanding the diversity of their friends, they fail even greater in regards to their efforts to get to know their professors.

Not only do students not understand the impact on their futures, but they fail to understand that the college experience could mean so much more than one four year party.

I want to encourage the students at GC to get active and get involved so at the end of your college days you have something to show for your years here at this fine institution.

Sincerely,
Kasey Orwick
Sophomore
History

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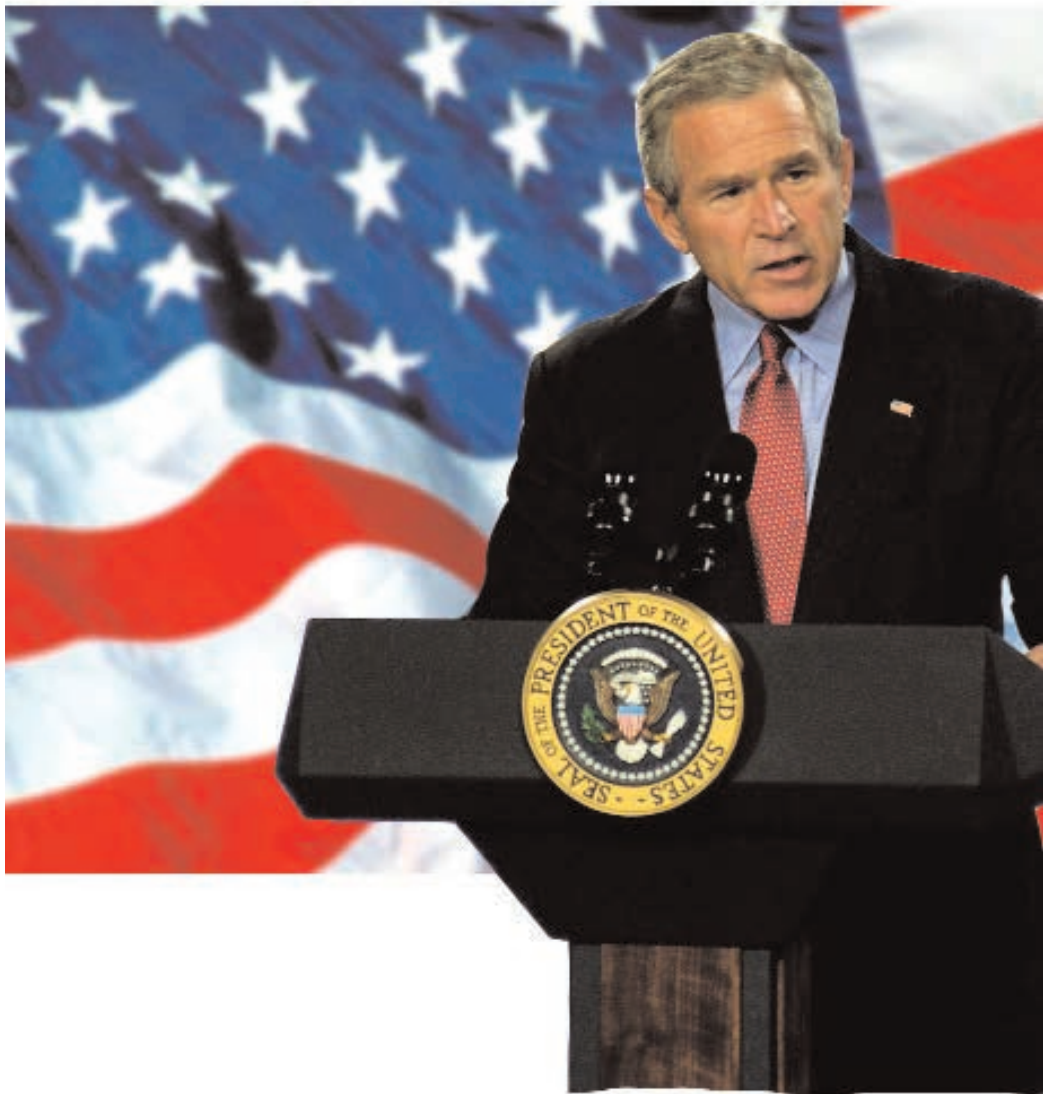
What do you think of President Bush’s State of the Union Address?

a) He has great goals for our country.

b) I have no opinion on the matter.

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d) I couldn’t bring myself to watch it.

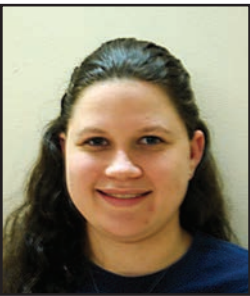


Results for last week’s poll: How long will you keep your New Years Resolution

All year: 18% ; 6 months: 9% ; 2 weeks: 9% ; What resolution: 64%



“What do you think about a woman running for president?”



“I think it is a great idea. I do not personally like Hilary Clinton. There would be a difference if there was a woman, not that a man couldn’t do that job though just as well.”

Adan Vinson, Management, Senior

“It opens up new opportunities women have not had in the past. New doors are now being open.”

Mallory Neil, Undeclared, Freshman



“A woman would be brave and would have to deal with both positive and negative tension. She would not have a chance of winning. It is good to get a larger diversity of candidates. I do not believe she would get the majority vote.”

Michael Shea, Undeclared, Freshman

“I think it is something the country will see happen in the future. I believe if she can prove to be a capable leader than it shouldn’t matter based on sex, who is the leader of the country. She will probably not be elected by the country though as a whole.”

Paul Basham, Rhetoric, Sophomore



“I love the idea. I would vote for a woman. It is not feasible at the moment because of the sentiment of patriarchy.”

Kelly Sessions, English, Junior

Beat Reported by Kate McWilliams

The Litter Box

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If your landlord won't allow members of the opposite sex to stay overnight does that mean he only wants homosexual renters?

I have nothing to vent about...

Cheese puffs. That's it.

Please stop all the talk about Michael Vick! He is there. He is not leaving!

It's not offical until it's Facebook offical.

I don't think playing "World of Warcraft" in class will increase your character's intelligence stat. It will likely not do wonders for his charisma stat, either.

How the hell do you spell Hakuna Matata? But it is a wonderful phrase.

Who needs X-Box 360, Playstation 3 and Nintendo Wii when you have Oreos. Woooooh!

Happy! Happy! Joy! Joy! Whatever, man.

I love a good street riot. It makes me want to put on some heavy clothes and beat up people.

I found a great jacket and it only cost 20 bucks!

Home honey I'm hi!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

January 26 -
February 1

Friday, January 26

1:30 p.m. Dee Fink Workshop, Museum Education Room
 3 p.m. CETL Teaching Tips, Beeson Hall
 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Last Friday - University Club, Beeson Hall
 8 p.m. CAB Movie Night: Deja Vu, Magnolia Ballroom
 8 p.m. The Liz Melendez Band, Sweet 'Tater Music Hall (Behind Cornbread Cafe)

Saturday, January 27

2 p.m. Lady Bobcats Basketball vs. USC Upstate, The Centennial Center
 4 p.m. Bobcats Basketball vs. USC Upstate, Centennial Center

Sunday, January 28

Monday, January 29

1 p.m. Phi Kappa Phi, 202 Museum Education Room

Tuesday, January 30

4:30 p.m. Volunteer Meeting, 143 Maxwell Student Union
 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Global Warming Teach-In: History of Climate Change and Current Patterns, A&S Auditorium
 7 p.m. Discover Arab Culture, GCSU Museum Education Room
 7 p.m. Campus Catholics Holy Grounds, Dogwood A, SAC
 8 p.m. BSU Synergy, Magnolia Ballroom, SAC

Wednesday, January 31

12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Fulton County Human Services Department H.I.R.E. Learning Program, University Banquet Room - A
 5 p.m. SIFE Meeting, 109 Atkinson Hall
 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday- Resume and Career Workshop, Bobcat Village Clubhouse
 8 p.m. Wesley House, Magnolia Ballroom

Thursday, February 1

5:45 p.m. Relay for Life Kickoff, The GIVE Center

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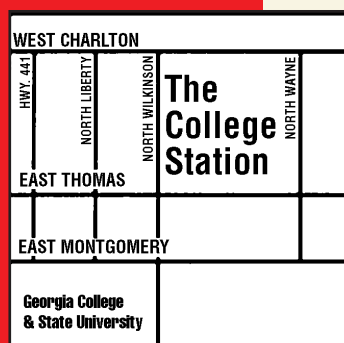


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Public Safety Report

Trespassed student returns

On Jan. 8, at approximately 7:29 p.m., a female reported that a student who had previously been trespassed from the residence hall areas left a note on her door at Foundation Hall. Contact was made with the student who admitted entering the building and leaving the note. The student was told of the consequences of entering the building again.

Tired driver earns ride home

On Jan. 11, at approximately 7:08 a.m., Officer English observed a suspicious vehicle in the main parking lot of Bobcat Village. Officer English made contact with the driver of the vehicle. The driver advised Officer English that he did not have a place to stay and got tired, pulled into the parking lot and went to sleep. A check through GCIC determined that the vehicle did not have insurance and that the tag was also expired. The driver was taken to his cousin’s work place to get a ride and Old Capitol towed the vehicle.

Marijuana and... bowling shoes?

On Jan 11, at approximately 6:18 a.m., an individual called Public Safety and reported a strong smell of marijuana coming from a room in Bobcat Village. Officer Pissott and Sgt. Williams entered the apartment and a very strong odor could be smelled coming from one of the rooms, which was vacant. At 8:41 p.m. Officer

Pissott made contact with the student who resided in the room and the student admitted to smoking marijuana earlier. A search of the student’s room found a pair of bowling shoes which belonged to Baldwin Bowling Center. The shoes were confiscated and returned to the bowling center. The incident was turned over to the housing staff.

An off-road adventure

On Jan. 11, at approximately 6:52 p.m., Public Safety was notified that a vehicle was driving in the courtyard of Bobcat Village. Sgt. Williams made contact with the driver who stated that he knew he shouldn’t be driving his vehicle in the courtyard. There was no visible damage done to the landscaping and the matter was turned over to housing.

Sink or swim

On Jan. 16, at approximately 9: 53 p.m., an individual reported water leaking through the ceiling and light fixtures in a room located in Herty Hall. Further investigation found that someone left a water faucet running in another room, causing flooding to that room as well. Physical Plant was contacted and notified of the incident.

Marking his territory

On Jan. 19, at approximately 2:21 a.m., Officer Gaines observed a person urinating beside Atkinson Hall. The subject then tried to open the door to Atkinson, found it locked, and then walked to the west end of the building and urinated on the wall there. Contact was made with the individual who registered a .143 on the Alco-Sensor. The man was arrested and transported to Milledgeville P.D. and charged with public drunk.

Information compiled by Jessica Murphy

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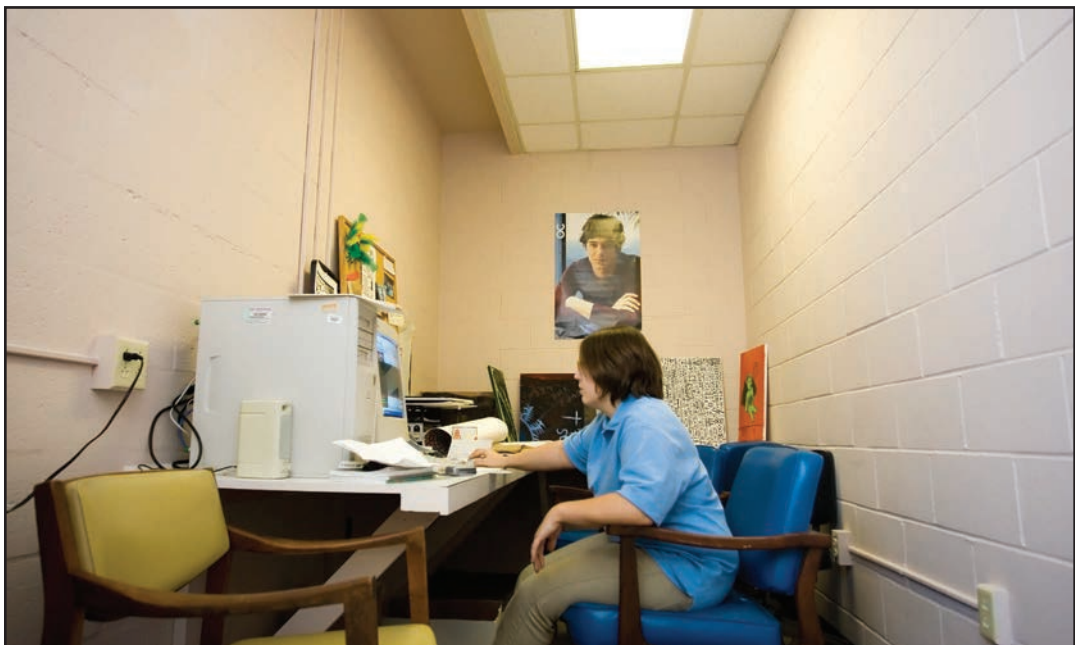
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The Peacocks Feet's office (above) is hardly enough space to work in. Brian Mumma's office (below left) and Rob Viau's office (bottom right) are unique examples of faculty offices.

Cool office spaces

BY JESSICA MURPHY
SENIOR REPORTER

Most GCSU students don't know what lurks in the office of their favorite professor. Students tend to pass by without even taking a peak, but if they would glance inside, they would find a world of the good, the bad and the eccentric.



Nestled away in the bottom of MSU, The Peacock's Feet has tried to make an office the size of a storage room a place they call home. Jamie Addy, editor-in-chief of The Peacock's Feet, has made an effort to make the best out of a bad situation.

"To be honest, the office is so bad that we can't even really use it," Addy said. "Most of the time we just meet here and leave as soon as everyone arrives. We usually use the art building instead of our own office."

This is understandable considering that the office is cluttered with issues of The Peacock's Feet dating back to the 1940's and an assortment of useless equipment. "The computer sounds like an airplane is about to take off," Addy said. "The

program we use to do our layouts isn't even on the computer in the office. I don't even know why we have a computer in here because there really is no use for it."

The Peacock's Feet does, however, have a little something that makes the office unique in its own way.

"The poster of Seth Cohen on the wall does make the office tolerable to be in, but I mean really, Seth Cohen can only do so much," Addy said.

On the contrary, Rob Viau's office is hard to miss. A professor of English, Viau has created an environment that is welcoming as well as educational.

"My office is full of stuff that students have given me," Viau said. "I hang up stuff because of the color or because it's silly."

A vast array of unique items can be found in Viau's office. A gargoyle hangs above his office door and prayer beads are scattered across one of the walls. Even a toothbrush can be found sitting on Viau's desk. "The gargoyle above the door is to scare students coming in," Viau said. "And the prayer beads I bring to class to make a multicultural point about peoples different religion."

Anyone who ventures into Viau's office will come into contact with at least one odd item. Turtle hips, toy flies and lizards are just some of the things that can be found. Entering Viau's office requires guts and an open mind.

But if students are really looking for a one of a kind office, all they need to do is venture to Brian Mumma's Kilpatrick office.

Mumma is an assistant professor and is an avid traveler.

Hockey jerseys, bike wheels and a coffee pot are just a few things that can be found in Mumma's office.

"The hockey jerseys are from Russia," Mumma said. "I went to a practice and took an America jersey and traded it for a Russian jersey."

The one piece that stands out the most in Mumma's office would have to be the can-can legs that are impossible to miss.

"In Sweden, almost every family has butter and cheese knives in their home," Mumma said. "A craftsman carves legs out of the knives and then adds a garter belt to them. The legs make me laugh and are one of the fun things about traveling."

Mumma believes that your environment does have an affect on the way you are going to learn.

"I challenge my students to go outside the box," Mumma said. "I tell them to get out and try whatever it is they want to do."

From can-can legs to holes in the wall, the offices of GCSU are as unique as the people who inhabit them.



Malcom X, Dr. King meet in play

BY SARAH VER STEEG
SENIOR REPORTER

"I have a dream tonight," the valiant leader proclaimed. "I'm...sorry, that's your line."

A sheepish smile curved Malcolm X's lips as he returned to the table where he and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were engaged in an on-going arm wrestling match. The Harlem hotel room was pregnant with tension; although they were having a friendly bout, both knew their quarrel was more than physical.

It was February 1965, in the midst of the grueling battle for equality. King and Malcolm X were grappling with the racism of politi-

cians, educators and the public. Although the endgame was the same for both, they had opposing views on how to attain their vision.

King was a Baptist minister and was an advocate for peace and racial equality by nonviolent measures. Malcolm X encouraged followers to attain equality by any means necessary. He allowed and even encouraged force. They came together that night to reach an agreement.

In truth, King and Malcolm X only met once, briefly. This fictional conversation is a scene in Jeff Stetson's award-winning play, "The Meeting," which focuses on an imaginary

dialogue between the two revolutionary Civil Rights leaders.

GCSU's Black Student Alliance hosted the play last Thursday night. Stephanie Raines, a senior art history major said the play was wonderfully acted.

"I was amazed at how much their voices sounded just like [King and Malcolm X]," Raines said.

Freshman Christy Clark said the play had a humorous edge that she found interesting.

"You know what everyone knows, but the play gave more insight into their personalities," Clark said.

Doris Tandongfor, a nursing student, has lived in the

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It's 'Not So Greek' to me

BY DEVIN VERNICK
SENIOR REPORTER

Within GCSU's student body, formals are usually reserved for the select few involved in Greek Life. That privilege changed four years ago after a conversation in the kitchen of 331 W. Montgomery St.

During Fall of 2003, Cliff Barnett, Benjamin Lavender, Drew Ashton and Kevin Lamb had a dream. They agreed that it would be great to bring all of their friends together and have a formal for them. The first time, 150 GCSU students showed up. Last Friday night, over 400 people danced the night away to celebrate what has quickly become a GCSU tradition.

Since 2003, the white house on the corner of

West Montgomery and Clarke streets has been the location of the "Not So Greek Formal." And the word is out. College students from UGA, Georgia Southern, Georgia Tech and various other locations crashed the party.

"We saw some of our friends do this in Athens and thought it would be a great thing to bring back to Milledgeville," said Barnett, now a graduate student at GCSU. "We started to get the word out and we had a lot more people show up than we thought [in 2003]." Ashton and Lamb graduated from GCSU last Spring, leaving behind Barnett and Lavender (now both graduate students) to keep the tradition going. Putting on the formal every year requires a lot of work,

and without the help of the rest of their roommates and other close friends it could never happen.

"There's a lot of work that goes into it, we really have to be passionate about this," said Lamb, who returned to partake in Friday night's festivities.

The day of the formal, the guys re-arrange the house to accommodate so many people. Many of their other close friends volunteer to help decorate, design the t-shirt, bring food or offer encouragement to prepare for what has become a highly anticipated event.

"There's a lot of planning involved before anything else. Then we clean the house, clear out two

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DEVIN VERNICK / SENIOR REPORTER

Decorations are hung in preparation for the "Not So Greek Formal."

Woman historian visits mansion

BY S. ASHLEE
MOONEYHAM
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Anne J. Bailey, a professor of History at GCSU, gave a presentation on Jan. 17 as the first event in the new series "Writing of the Past: Women Historians, Histories and Minority Issues of the South," hosted at the Old Governor's Mansion. The lecture focused on ethnic and racial diversity during the era of the American Civil War.

This particular event was based on Bailey's book, "Invisible Southerners: Ethnicity in the Civil War," which is a collection of related essays about the experience of the German immigrants in Texas, the black involvement in the Union Army, and the relations between the tribes of the Native Americans and the Confederacy.

The presentation was enriched by photo slides

that were accompanied by detailed explanations and relevant stories of the era. During her presentation, Bailey did more than merely lecture like an average history professor; rather, she shared her passion for the subject with the audience present on Wednesday night, which nearly filled the room. Well versed on the many dynamics of the subject of ethnic diversity in the Civil War, Bailey captivated the interests of the room with little known facts and fairly recent findings in historical records that reveal a fascinating history of German Americans, Native Americans, and blacks living in the midst of the Civil War. According to Bailey, many findings have only recently been uncovered. There are still many details that are unknown because records have been lost over time or were never recorded at all. Historically, few records were ever taken

of minority groups in the era, but researchers such as Bailey have devoted much effort to this area of American history.

Her book was the highlight of the event. It is one of eight books about the Civil War authored by Bailey. Stephen D. Engle, author of Struggle for the Heartland made mention of Bailey's historical literature on the University of Georgia Press Web site, saying, "By exploring a much-neglected but important facet of the war, Anne Bailey has taken Civil War literature beyond battlefield and biography."

Senior mass communication major Ashley Bohanon attended the event and praised the presentation given by Bailey.

"The lecture was very in depth and interesting," Bohanon said. "I was unaware of the degree of ethnic diversity in and around the Civil War."



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

The first lecture in the series, "Writing in the Past: Women Historians, Histories and Minority Issues of the South" was hosted at the Old Governor's Mansion Jan. 17.

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entire living rooms, and rent speakers. There's at least two days of work before anyone comes over," said Lamb.

Guests began to arrive at 10 p.m. The speakers were blaring, the dancing was fast and everyone who attended seemed to enjoy every moment.

Morgan Kelly attended last year's formal. An early education major at GCSU, Kelly returned to the 331 dance floor last Friday.

"It was good seeing so many people. I saw some friends from UGA and some people who graduated from GCSU last year. It's [the formal] a pretty big

deal."

Kelly was one of the 425 people who signed the guest list for this year's event. Two other GCSU students, Jason Hughes and Aaron Adams, were also on that list.

"The 331 guys put a lot of time and effort into making the 'Not So Greek Formal' a great event every year. They did a great job this year as well, and I think a lot of people had fun," said Hughes, a special education major.

Adams agreed the event was special.

"I think it is incredibly generous of them to have so many people over," said Adams, a chemistry major. "Everyone I talked to seemed to know about it

and I know everyone and anyone was welcome to be there. I think the group there was diverse enough that there's a guarantee that anyone can come and be able to identify with at least one person."

After the lights went out and the music faded, the work resumed. According to Matthew Dobbs, one of the "331 guys," the clean-up process was not so bad. It only took a few hours to take down the decorations, pick up trash, and put all the furniture back. He and his roommates agree that every moment was worth it.

"We want to do this again next year, too. I had a lot of fun, and nothing was broken," added Dobbs.

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The "Not so Greek Formal" gave everyone, not just students involved in Greek Life a chance to attend a formal.



Meeting

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United States less than five years. She said the play showed the progress King and Malcolm X made and how far America has come since then.

"They were both so different, but they were working for the same cause," Tandongfor said. "They were working apart but they accomplished more than if it was just one person."

Ilse Fisher, interim director of the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, said this play captures the differences of the two men's philosophies and the potential they could

have had together.

"They were both incredibly important in the movement, but they went about it differently," Fisher said. "The play will make people aware of what they were about."

BSA President Audia Jones said the play focuses on what would have happened if King and Malcolm X met and joined forces to combat inequality.

"A lot of change has been made because of their impact on society, but if they came together, maybe change would have happened sooner," Jones said.

Jones said the impact King made was profound for Milledgeville and GCSU.

"The fact that we have

BSA and that our campus is integrated and has transformed today shows Martin Luther King had a huge impact on it," Jones said.

Jones sees the existence of organizations like BSA as a testament to the progress that has been made.

"In smaller towns people are set in their ways and don't change as quickly," Jones said. "To see BSA and a NAACP chapter on campus shows that Dr. King had an impact on Milledgeville."

King and others like him demanded racial equality and justice and the demand became a revolutionary triumph for social change. The waves of his victory can still be felt.

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BY WES BROWN

Ladies need
RESPECT

Sometimes in sports it is not about how many wins your team has or how talented your team is; it is about how much respect you have from the community. Right now I believe the GCSU women's basketball team is getting the respect they deserve.

The Lady Bobcats are 13-4 with a 4-2 record in the Peach Belt Conference (PBC). More importantly, they are undefeated at home, 7-0. The team averages 68 points per game and has an average margin of victory of over 11 points per game.

The men's basketball team's credentials are almost the same as the women's. The men are 13-4 with a 3-3 record in the PBC and are 6-1 at home. The men average 75 points per game and average a nine-point margin of victory. But the men seem to get more respect than the women around GCSU.

In seven games at home the men have an average attendance of 566, while the women only average 316. Why is this? If the women are just as talented as the men and win all their games at home, why is attendance suffering?

I observed firsthand the difference in attendance and it made no sense to me. The student section has an abysmal turnout at the women's games but is booming at the men's. The Thundercats shift from five people to 20 in the span of two hours.

This is ridiculous. This could be the year the Lady Bobcats go all the way and we are too lazy to come out and cheer them on. Change is needed.

Women's head coach John Carrick proposed that if the female students went to the women's games instead of following the guys to the men's games then attendance would arise.

"It's up to the women to stop following their men around," Carrick said. "Women need to support the women's team by going to their games and make the men start following them instead of the other way around."

I believe Carrick has a point. The men would come to the games if they had a chance to be meet ladies. I challenge all ladies to come support our Lady Bobcats. I challenge all Thundercats to give equal recognition to both teams. The women deserve our respect. Come watch the ladies Saturday as they face USC Upstate at 2 p.m.

Ladies remain unbeaten at home

BY BROOKE WILLIAMS
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU women's basketball team claimed another victory on Jan. 17 at the Centennial Center.

This fourth straight win leaves the Lady Bobcats undefeated at home (7-0) for the 2006-2007 season. But despite the winning-streak, their games are getting noticeably lower attendance than the GCSU men's basketball games played at home.

With a 4-2 record in the Peach Belt Conference, the Lady Bobcats are well on their way to fulfilling their goal of winning the conference. Head coach, John Carrick, has seen some impressive things from the players this season.

"They play as one; we don't have stingy people out there on that basketball team," Carrick said. "And when they put their mind on it they can play some awesome defense."

Carrick is confident in his team and how they are performing in the PBC. Yet he is disappointed with the lack of support the Lady Bobcats are receiving through low attendance at their home games.

"I think it's terrible," Carrick said. "These women work just as hard as the men and they play in front of empty seats."

The GCSU men's basketball games are held at the Centennial Center this season usually directly after the women play and have had significantly larger numbers of attendance. According to Al



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior Lindsey Smith (12) dished out a game-high ten assists in the 57-39 win against Georgia Southwestern on Jan. 24 at the Centennial Center.

Weston, the Sports Information Director for GCSU, approximate attendance for the most recent home games against Georgia Southwestern University were 207 people attending the women's game compared to 854 people attending the men's game. The most noticeable absences are the student fans.

Junior forward Marquita Driskell said the passionate support the fans show has contributed a lot to the team's success with games played at their home court. But she would still like to see the same crowds at their games that show up for the men's games.

"It is sad when we begin to get use to the low atten-

dance at the games," Driskell said. "We shouldn't have to get used to that - we are just as competitive as the men's team; we work just as hard."

For a lot of students, simply winning the game is not enough to draw them to women's basketball games. They want to be entertained with a show that keeps them on their toes. The fast pace and dramatic slam-dunks that characterize GCSU men's games is what really contributes to the staggering increase in attendance.

"The guy's games are just more exciting," said Justin Mills, a senior Spanish major. "The men's team is more athletic and they can dunk."



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Smith grabs one of her seven rebounds in the game. The Lady Bobcats played well defensively forcing the Hurricanes to turn the ball over 22 times.

The Lady Bobcats will continue working hard to achieve the goals they have set for this season. As the team continues to dominate on their home court, they hope that more fans will come out and be entertained with their talents and skills.

Carrick is positive that attendance will increase for the women's games at

home, but the female fans have to make that happen.

"It's up to the women to stop following their men around," Carrick said. "Women need to support the women's team by going to their games and make the men start following them instead of the other way around."

GCSU and Macon State broadcast games

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

Bobcat basketball and baseball games are now available live online via webcast through a partnership with the FPD Broadcast Team and Macon State College.

Jim Leonard of Macon State contacted Dr. Stan Aldridge, GCSU athletic director, with the idea of setting up the webcasting technology for some of the games.

"(Leonard) has done a lot with webcastings," Aldridge said. "He helped a number of other institutions within the University System set up (webcasting), especially Armstrong Atlantic; he helped them when they hosted the conference tournament."

Aldridge sees this as an opportunity for interns to get experience.

"Right now it's all Macon State students, but we would like to get our students involved, especially our broadcast journalism program if we possibly can," Aldridge said.

The service debuted Jan. 13 when the basketball teams took on UNC Pembroke at the Centennial Center.

The athletics department was very pleased with how the webcast turned out.

"The quality (of the



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

GCSU basketball and baseball home games are now available through live online webcasts. The webcasts are combinations of live video and play-by-play announcing by Scott McLeod who has been the voice of Bobcat baseball since 1978 and basketball since 1989.

video) was real sharp," said Al Weston, the sports information director.

Aldridge acknowledged the benefits webcasting could bring to GCSU athletics.

"It's a tool," Aldridge said. "One of the best parts is that parents who may not be able to get to the games or listen to it on the radio can watch their kids play."

The coaches see another advantage web-casting brings them.

"Look how good it is for recruiting," said John Carrick, the women's basketball head coach. "I can call the recruits and say, 'Hey, we're on this' and you know, 'Hey, look your mama can get on this and watch you when you play here.' It's really cool."

The webcasts are combinations of live video and play-by-play announcing by Scott McLeod who has been the voice of Bobcat baseball since 1978 and basketball since 1989.

"I got into broadcasting at the station," McLeod said in reference to WKZR-FM where the games are broadcasted live. "I think (webcasting)

is an excellent addition to the programs."

The webcasts are available through FPD's website at www.athleticbroadcasting.com. A full schedule of the games to be broadcasted is listed at the site and past games and interviews with coaches and players are archived.

The next webcast will be Saturday, Jan. 27, when the basketball teams host USC Upstate at the Centennial Center with the women's game at 2 p.m. and the men's game following at 4 p.m.

Aldridge wants to see the webcasts expand to other sports after this year, but said that they have only focused on basketball and baseball at this time.

"We hope to have Al (Weston) involved in this beyond this year," Aldridge said. "He has the experience to move it beyond what it is and it's always great to get as much exposure as we can for the athletics."

The Athletics department wants to see people take advantage of this new technology.

"We're always inviting people to (log on) and check it out," Aldridge said. "It's exciting for us and, I think, for the (GCSU) community as well."

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"I don't get into monkeys and vindication."

--Peyton Manning, answered after being asked if the AFC Championship win over the Patriots got the can't-win-the-big-one monkey off his back.

STAT of the WEEK

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The difference in attendance between the last men's and women's home game on Jan. 17. The men's attendance was 854 while the women had only 207 in attendance.

Sassy Cats have a sweet sixteen at Disney World



COLONNADE FILE PHOTO
The Sassy Cats practice their routine for national and conference competitions at the men's home basketball games. The ladies placed fourth in PBC last year and 16th at the national competition at Walt Disney World this past MLK Holiday weekend.

BY KALEIGH ALCAREZ
STAFF REPORTER

After a long Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, the GCSU dance team, the Sassy Cats, returned from an exciting trip to Walt Disney World. The Sassy Cats competed at the 2007 College Dance Team National Championship held at MGM Studios. College dance teams from across the U.S. gathered to battle their moves on the dance floor. To reach Disney World, teams must first submit a video audition showing their best moves. Many hopefuls entered the competition, but only a limited number were invited to perform at semi-finals in Orlando, Fla. In preparation for the competition, the Sassy Cats practiced three nights each week and performed their dance at basketball games. They were invited to semi-finals and performed in two separate divisions. On Friday, Jan. 12, they climbed into a cramped 16-passenger van and rode the six hours to experience some Disney magic. The performance took place on Saturday at MGM Studios

on the Indiana Jones Stage. The team was eager to perform at the national level this year. "There was so much energy among us all that we just fed off of each other's excitement," said Chelsea Tharpe, a freshman education major. The Sassy Cats placed 16th of roughly 35 teams in the hip-hop division. "As a whole, we did really well for a team who is student lead," said Natalee Mayo, a junior mass communication major. "Most of the teams at nationals are on scholarships and have coaches. We don't get paid to be here and we don't have a coach." The GCSU Sassy Cats have not been to nationals in many years, but they do hope to return next year with an even better routine. The competition showed the Cats what and how to improve for next year's competition. "We have some great ideas to make our competition dance awesome for next year," Mayo said. The competition not only served as a time to compete against other schools, but as an opportunity for team bonding

among the ladies. In addition to the competition, the squads enjoyed the Magic Kingdom, Epcot and Animal Kingdom. At night, the parks shut down to cater to the performing dance and cheerleading teams that were competing that weekend. The Sassy Cats met dancers from Louisiana State, Mississippi State, and several other universities. "(It was) a wonderful experience for all of the girls and a good opportunity for all of the girls to hang out and grow closer," said Jennifer Shannon, team captain and a junior pre-law major. The Sassy Cats will compete again this March in the Peach Belt Conference Dance Championship. Last year, the team finished fourth in the competition. "Columbus State is probably our biggest competitors, but I have faith in our team," Shannon said. "We have a good chance of winning this year." Anyone interested in seeing the Cats perform can see them dance during every half-time at the men's basketball games.

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COACHES CORNER

BY COREY DICKSTEIN



This Week: John Carrick

Coach John Carrick humbly brushed off the impressive list of accomplishments he has achieved in his 24-year tenure as GCSU's women's head basketball coach. "It just means I've been coaching a while and I've had a lot of good players," Carrick said. While time and talented athletes play a role in Carrick's success, Marquita Driskell, a junior forward, points out that triumph starts with the coach. "Coach Carrick is just a good coach," Driskell said, "both on and off the court. He is really competitive; he doesn't like losing and he's honest with us. I think all of those things get the best of you."

Carrick has amassed an inventory of accomplishments in his career, highlighted by surpassing 400 wins last season, winning his fourth Peach Belt Conference Championship and reaching his fifth NCAA Tournament. But Carrick's most impressive achievement is more important than any basketball game: 92 percent of Carrick's seniors leave GCSU with a degree. "I believe college athletes are indeed that – college athletes, they are in college and they're athletes," Carrick said. "When I recruit players to come to Georgia College, I tell them, 'Please do not even consider us if you are not desiring a college degree.'" Carrick's secret for his

achievements are dedication and love for his job. "So many people hate their jobs; they don't like going to work each day, most people are that way," Carrick said. "I love it; I can't wait for tomorrow." Carrick originally wanted to coach baseball, but had the opportunity to coach women's basketball and never looked back. Carrick has been offered a chance to coach men but said he never even considered it. "The girls are a lot more coachable, they're more teachable and they are a whole lot more fun to be around," Carrick said. "I'm a lucky guy; I'm just a lucky guy. I mean, I'm doing what I've wanted to do since I was 15 years old – coaching."

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